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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT REPORTS TO THE BUNDESTAG
ON SUMMIT MEETING IN BRUSSELS AND MEETINGS IN PARIS

REF: BONN 8959, BONN 8809

SUMMARY: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT REPORTED TO THE BUNDESTAG JUNE 4 ON THE RECENT NATO SUMMIT MEETING AND IEA AND OECD MEETINGS IN PARIS. THE CHANCELLOR SAID THAT THE BASIC CORE OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE (I.E., AMERICAN-EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY) WAS INTACT AND THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD CONFIRMED AMERICA'S UNDIMINISHED COMMITMENT IN EUROPE. SCHMIDT STRESSED THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A SOLID ECONOMIC BASE FOR NATO AND CALLED FOR COORDINATION AMONG THE ALLIES IN FINANCIAL AND TAX POLICY AND IN WAGING THE BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION. HE CALLED FOR THE OIL USER COUNTRIES IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO BE POLITICALLY FLEXIBLE BUT FIRM IN PRESERVING A STABLE ECONOMIC SYSTEM. THE OPPOSITION DID NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT OF THE BRUSSELS AND PARIS MEETINGS BUT ATTACKED THE GOVERNMENT DETENTE POLICY AND FOR NOT SUPPORTING THE US PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO. END SUMMARY

1. CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT REPORTED TO THE BUNDESTAG JUNE 4 ON THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING AND THE IEA AND OECD MEETINGS IN PARIS. SCHMIDT STRESSED THAT NATO'S STRENGTH DEPENDED UPON THE MAINTENANCE OF A SOLID ECONOMIC BASE. SCHMIDT CALLED FOR COORDINATION AMONG THE ALLIANCE COUNTRIES IN FINANCIAL AND TAX POLICY AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING PROTECTIONIST MEASURES. HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO BATTLE INFLATION, AND THE NECESSITY FOR ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE OIL PRODUCING NATIONS AND LDC'S. SCHMIDT SAID THAT THE ENERGY CONFERENCE IN PARIS HAD DEMONSTRATED THE SOLIDARITY OF THE OIL USER NATIONS AND STRENGTHENED THE BASIS FOR BEGINNING A DIALOGUE WITH THE PRODUCERS. SCHMIDT
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STATED THAT THE CONSUMER STATES MUST BE POLITICALLY FLEXIBLE BUT AT THE SAME TIME FIRM IN INSURING THAT THE ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR A STABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM WERE MAINTAINED.

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2. TURNING TO THE NATO SUMMIT CONFERENCE, THE CHANCELLOR SAID THAT THE CORE OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE (I.E., AMERICAN-EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY) WAS INTACT. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD CONFIRMED THAT THE AMERICAN ENGAGEMENT IN EUROPE HAS NOT BEEN DIMINISHED. SCHMIDT TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE AND REPEATED HIS CALL FOR SUPPORTING THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN PORTUGAL. TURNING TO CSCE, HE SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION AND THAT RECENTLY THE CHANCES FOR A TIMELY CONCLUSION APPEARED BETTER.

3. SPEAKING FOR THE OPPOSITION, CDU/CSU FRAKTION CHAIRMAN CARSTENS WELCOMED THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCES AND PARTICULARLY PRAISED FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR BERLIN. THIS SAID, CARSTENS THEN LAUNCHED INTO CRITICIZING THE GOVERNMENT FOR NOT RECOGNIZING, OR AT LEAST NOT PUBLICLY COMMENTING, ON THE INCREASING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN. HE CALLED FOR STRONGER SUPPORT FOR BERLIN AND CHIDED THE GOVERNMENT FOR NOT SUPPORTING THE US PROPOSAL FOR CLOSER TIES BETWEEN NATO AND SPAIN. HE ALSO TOOK DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER AND THE SPD TO TASK FOR THE CRITICISM OF LT. GENERAL HILDEBRANDT'S ATTENDANCE AT THE VICTORY PARADE IN MADRID (REFTELS BONN 8959, 8809). THE OPPOSITION, HE SAID, JUST AS THE GOVERNMENT, DID NOT IDENTIFY ITSELF WITH THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN SPAIN BUT HAD THE GOAL OF HELPING SPAIN FIND ITS WAY TOWARDS BECOMING A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY. RHETORICALLY HE ASKED IF THE SPD IDENTIFIED ITSELF WITH THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL.

4. THE LEVEL OF THE DEBATE IN THE BUNDESTAG WAS NOT PARTICULARLY HIGH. THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION ON QUESTIONS OF DETENTE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, ETC. ARE WELL KNOWN AND NOTHING NEW EMERGED IN THE DEBATE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SCHMIDT WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE SITUATION IN

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PORTUGAL WHEN HE SPOKE TO THE SPD FRAKTION THAN HE WAS IN THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE.

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